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The INFORMER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Grace at the Edge Teaching & Mentoring Opportunities @ Floyd Baptist Church

Grace at the Edge—

Grace Takes Us beyond Our Capacities into Our Callings:

A Gospel for Heroic Journeys

I believe every person is called to heroic ventures in their homes, communities, daily experiences, in the causes they join and as they serve in their churches. I also believe that many are hesitant heroes. They have heard the call but are hesitant to embark upon or continue their journeys.

Some are hesitant to embark upon the journey because they recognize the calling will require more than they have to offer and they are overwhelmed right at the beginning. Some are hesitant to begin new journeys because of the scars they still bear from previous journeys that went badly. Still others have hit the pause button for current adventures because the challenges and obstacles have become too daunting and they can't see any way forward. They are waiting for new revelation and resources to renew them in their exhaustion, sense of futility, and frustration.

Grace at the Edge is Good News for the Hesitant Hero. It is a gospel that is breathed from the word of God, and the great Heroes of Scripture. It is a gospel that has stood the test of time as it has been lived out by many throughout the ages.

It has been the good news that has enabled, encouraged, and empowered this often-hesitant traveler to enjoin, embrace, and experience victory in a multitude of callings throughout my life. It is also the gospel that has been the catalyst to help me try once again; overcoming the reluctance that is birthed from a sense of exhaustion and futility experienced in the many failed journeys I have known. Upon reflection I can attest that the difference has always been grace. Grace is always available, but not always recognized, received, and utilized.

Are you exhausted in your service for God at home, church and beyond? Are you experiencing a sense of fruitlessness? Are you feeling overwhelmed because you realize the calling God has given you is so far beyond you? If the answer to any or all of these questions is yes, then I would invite you to seriously consider joining me in one of the opportunities listed below. My prayer is that everyone who takes this journey will know the exhilaration of discovering the grace that will take them beyond their capacities and into the fulfillment of their callings.

--Jeff Hudgins

Pastor Page

Grace at the Edge Huddle—Tuesday's at 6:30 PM (Begins February 4th in Youth Room)
Grace at the Edge Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in Fellowship Hall (Begins February 5th)
Grace at the Edge Online Huddle through Missional Institute—Launch Date TBD
Grace at the Edge Zoom Video Huddle—Launch Date & Time TBD

Contact Jeff Hudgins at (540)577-0839 or jeffch5051@gmail.com for more information or to register for any of the opportunities listed above.

A Journey through Colossians

We continue our journey through Colossians in our Sunday Morning Worship. We are taking a verse by verse exposition of this powerful letter the Apostle Paul wrote to this community of faith that was trying to get its moorings in a world that shifted and no longer looked the same. My sense is that they were facing a lot of similar things that we face today. What does it look like for us to find our moorings as followers of Jesus in a world that seems to be changing at such a rate of acceleration that can at times seem totally disorientating as parents, new career seekers, students, retirees, friends, neighbors, teachers, or quite frankly anyone? Let me encourage you to be reading Colossians in advance. The more familiar we are with the whole letter the easier it is for us to find the word God has for us in the smaller block of passages.

Colossians Daily Word

To help us continue to hear God together on this journey we will continue to send a Daily Reading in Colossians via email. We will begin with Colossians 1:1 on February 1st. I will be recruiting volunteers to offer up a thought on that particular passage for each day.

If you would like to receive these Daily Words by email and are not on the email list, please contact the church office to be added to the email list.

Pastor Jeff will be offering insights on the Daily Word on our Facebook Page.

If you do not have internet access then you can receive the Daily Word in two ways.

1. Text Pastor Jeff with a cell # and he will text them to you as an attachment.
2. Request a hard copy (printed) to be made available each Sunday. (These will be running a week behind everyone else.)

GRACE AT THE EDGE COMMUNITY/ New Name Edge Communities

Edge Community Worship Gatherings

Edge Community Worship Gathering Sunday, February 9th 4:00 PM in Annex: --Worship Gathering—Pasta & Praise: We will gather for a time of worship and prayer. Pasta (provided) will be the main course and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Of course, as always, we will have fun as we gather.

Edge Community Worship Gathering Sunday, February 16th 4:00 PM in Annex—Barbecue & Belonging. We will gather for a time of worship and sharing and we develop deeper bonds of relationship. Barbecue (provided) will be the main course and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Of course, as always, we will have fun as we gather.

Pastor Page

FLOYD BAPTIST CHURCH DISCERNMENT GATHERINGS

Sundays, February 16th & March 1st @ 8:30—9:45 AM

Light Breakfast will be served & Child Care will be provided.

We will come together to gain a discernment from God by engaging in dialogue, and listening to God through each other on two very important areas in our Church; Our Organizational Structure, and Enhancing Our Worship Experience.

Preparation: Survey Questions to help prepare participants for the Discernment Experience will be available Sunday, February 2nd.

Discernment Process:

We will give a framework to guide our conversations, receive responses to the survey questions and then, proceed to ask & answer what do we think God is saying. We will work toward a consensus in identifying what God is saying.

b. Once we have a consensus on identifying what we sense God is saying, we will then move toward answering the question "What will we do about it" at futures gatherings. The answer to this question will lead to specific action plans so that we can respond faithfully to where we sense God is leading us.

Church Council
Monday, February 17th @ 7:00 pm

FAMILY SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 11:00 am
We will gather for a time of Celebration and Praise for
all ages led by all ages
Covered-dish Meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music



Calendar:

Wed, February 5,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thur, February 6,
5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Wed, February 12,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Wed, February 19,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thur, February 20,
5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Wed, February 26,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's February, and everyone awaits Punxsutawney Phil's forecast on Groundhog Day. Will he see his shadow or not? An early spring or 6 more weeks of winter?

During this month, we will learn about the presidents on President's Day and we will learn about our hearts, keeping them healthy and also how to take proper care of our teeth. And for Valentine's Day, we will be making Valentines for our loved ones and we will have parties, the 3's on Tuesday, February 11 and the 4's on Wednesday, February 12 .

Ms. Janice, Ms. Patsy, & Ms. Brenda



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4- Theresa H. Smith

Linda Perkins

Winky Nichols

5- Heather Vickers

Amber Patton

6- Erin Yearout Patton

8- B.T. Quesenberry

9- Matthew Browning

Ryan Browning

11- Taylor Holman

12- Ellen Vest

13- Michele Quesenberry
Faherty

15- Jane Hudgins

16- Callie Via

17- Alena Bond

Richard Wood

19- Calvin Thomas

20- Dakota Spangler Stinnet

Layowin Grace Patton

21- Matthew Bary

23- Linda Smith

24- Johnny O'Connor

Tom Higgins

28- Vicky Shaffer

Bryce Thompson

Leslie Moran

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



SERVICE MINISTRIES

Greeters

February 2 Jim & Louellen Sharp
Richard Wood
February 9 M&C Quesenberry
Chris & Kim Bond
February 16 Connie & Carlotta Browning
Danny & Martha Thompson
February 23 John & Ashlee Weeks
Robert & Donna Petty
March 1 Jim & Louellen Sharp
Richard Wood

Children's Church

February 2 Leisa Holman
February 9 Alena Bond &
Haleigh Holman
February 16 Belinda Horney &
Michele Tucker
February 23 Janice Shortt
March 1 Faith & Winky Nichols

Children's Worship

February 2 Donna Petty
February 9 John/Ashlee Weeks
February 16 Chris/Kim Bond
February 23 Jen Sharp-Knott
March 1 Brian & Deanna Swortzel

Nursery I & II

February 2 Christen Cross & Brenda Weeks
February 9 Richard & Brenda Wood
February 16 M&C Quesenberry
February 23 Sarah Browning & Ryan Davis
March 1 Jennifer Davis / Barbara Agee

Deacon of the Week

February 2 Michael Browning
February 9 Connie Browning
February 16 Steve Hamlin
February 23 Jack Morris
March 1 Winky Nichols

Time For Young Disciples

February 2 John Weeks
February 9 Mission Sunday
February 16 Ruth Thompson
February 23 Chris Bond
March 1 Martha Thompson

MISSION NEWS



Food Drive

Please help us with our collection of food items for the local food bank

The theme for February is:

Canned Soups

Please drop off your donations by

February 29

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall

*In January, **259** items were collected.*

Operation Christmas Child.

Each month the Youth will be collecting an item that will be used in filling the shoeboxes in November for Operation Christmas Child.

In January, bar soap was collected.

In February, tooth brushes & small toys (ex. Jacks, small puzzles, 4" dolls, small balls & coloring books) will be collected.

Please note that toothpaste is no longer accepted !

With your donations the youth will be able to purchase extra things with the money they are provided.

Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.

SENIOR MINISTRY



It's cold outside, time to stay indoors for good food and good fellowship!

In February, and March 2020, the Young at Heart will enjoy lunch and bingo at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the second Monday of the month: February 10 and March 16.

Please bring 2 pieces of fruit to be used as prizes for bingo.

If you have any questions about the above activities or Young at Heart, please contact Kathryn West at 745-3281.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship "Pot Luck" Dinner

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

VBS

Save the date: June 15-19

Wednesday Night Family Meals

5:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

This is not a pot luck so pick up your family on the way home from work and come over to enjoy a simple meal and lots of good fellowship. If you would like, you are welcome to stay for the after-dinner

Wednesday evening activities:

Team Kid 6:30 pm

Youth 7:00 pm

Team Kid Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm

Pastor's Bible Study 6:45 pm.

Child care is available for any children too young for Team Kid and during Adult Bible Studies and Choir.

Woods Annex Report

Principal Owed: \$ 96,239.80

Monthly Payment: \$ 1,329.14

Additional Principal: \$ 6,200.00

Total Paid in January: \$ 7,529.14

Local Missions: Quilters

The Christian Women of Floyd County will be meeting on Fridays from 9:30am-2:00 pm October through March in the Fellowship Hall to tack quilts for the needy.

Please join us in this special ministry.

Inclement Weather Schedule

Our winter closing policy will remain the same as in previous years. During the week, scheduled activities will be **CANCELLED** if Floyd County Schools are **CLOSED** due to bad weather (unless you are notified otherwise).

On Sundays, the decision to cancel a Worship Service will be made by the pastor and deacons. A cancellation will be announced, when possible, by phone tree message and **cancellations will be posted on TV channels WSLJ-10 and WDBJ-7.**

THANK YOU NOTES



Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, and outreach during my knee replacement/recovery. Theodore Via

Our church family has been very caring in many ways. Each prayer, the phone calls, the cards and encouraging notes sent our way were deeply appreciated. The goodies received hit the spot. The visits by Pastor Jeff and the visitation committee meant a lot. We have been blessed by our Christian Friends and ask for your continued prayers as we are still healing. Thank You, Clyde & Deronda Thomas

I would like to thank everyone for the visits, calls and prayers during and since my recent hospital stay. We have a wonderful church family and I appreciate all the Christian love that you have shown. Thank you for your continued prayers for my double eye vision recovery. God Bless, Michael Browning

We want to thank everyone for all the help with Connie Browning past weeks. Thank you for the visits, food and prayers. Connie is much improved and thank you for the continued prayers. The Browning Family

Many thanks to all who provided the box of food and for David/Billie Hall for bringing it to me. To those who sent cards, thank you. May God bless you for your caring hearts. Love, Catherine (Jean) Moran

Monday, February 17





FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lord's Supper 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	3 7-9pm, FH, AA	4 6:30 pm FH, Cub Scouts 6:30,pm, Youth Room, Grace at the Edge Huddle	5 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	6 5:30pm Adult Handbells	7 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex	8 Clemons/Lusk Baby Shower, FH 1-5pm 6-9pm, FH Cub Scouts
9 Mission Sunday 6-8 pm Boy Scouts 4pm Annex, Edge Community Gathering	10 11:30 am FH, Young at Heart Lunch & Bingo 7-9pm, FH, AA	11 10am, FH, 3 Preschool Party FH reserved for Hostess Committee 5-8pm, YL, Annex 6:30,pm, Youth Room, Grace at the Edge Huddle	12 10am, FH, 4 Preschool Party 6:30 pm Potluck Dinner 7 pm Business Meeting 8pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	13	14 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex	15 9:30-2:30am, FH, Sowers
16 8:30-9:45am, FH, Discernment Mtg. 6-8 pm Boy Scouts 4pm Annex, Edge Community Gathering	17 7:00PM Church Council 7-9pm, FH, AA	18 2-3pm XMAS 4 Kids 5-8pm, YL, Annex 6:30,pm, Youth Room, Grace at the Edge Huddle	19 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	20 5:30pm Adult Handbells	21 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex 4pm, FH Sowers until Sat. at 11am	22
23 4pm Annex, Edge Community Gathering 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	24 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA	25 6:30 pm FH, Cub Scouts 5-8pm, YL, Annex 6:30,pm, Youth Room, Grace at the Edge Huddle	26 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	27	28 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex	29